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CATALYST-COATED MEMBRANE WITH INTEGRATED SEALING MATERIAL AND MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY PRODUCED THEREFROM

the specification of which

___ is attached hereto

 X was filed as U.S. Application Serial No. 10/572,652 (to be assigned)

on March 20, 2006

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and/or

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on September 18, 2004

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Country (or PCT)</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> (day/month/year)	<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
			<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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